REMARKS

Original claims 1-30 have been canceled. New claims 31-47 are pending in this application, which are supported in the present Specification as follows:

Claim(s)	Support in Specification
31	Page 10, lines 27-28
	Page 10, line 35 to Page
	11, line 4
32-33	Page 16, lines 31-32
34-35	Page 17, lines 1-4
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	Page 18, lines 5-31
39-40	Page 10, lines 31-32
41	Page 5, lines 5-9
42	Page 13, lines 31-35

In addition, Applicants have amended the Specification to reflect the priority claim to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/940,770. As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0101A.

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